

Private

Washington

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My dear Mr. Garrison

From the bottom of my heart I thank you for your strong, approving letter. I was beginning to feel, with universal democratic condemnation and almost no repulsion approval, that I had made untimely utterances. I had even begun to question my own motives which at the time of speaking I had not doubted. Your positive indorsement has reassured me, I am going to know no more doubt and I certainly have no personal regrets. I thoroughly believe in the truth of every statement I made. I see you hesitate to believe that there was any written bargain; there was not a signed contract; but <sup>or at</sup> after the Wamleys Hotel conference a written memorandum of the understanding arrived at was ~~reached~~ <sup>made</sup> and read over and then or subsequently the names of some of the democrats were affixed to it ~~to~~ as evidence that it was a correct narration



of the agreement made. I think it was read  
over to Sherman & Garfield & assented to by  
them, but for obvious reasons they did not sign  
it, it was only witnessed by the Democrats.  
This is the paper which Burke has & which  
I do not think he will destroy.

There are rumors of other writings, but this is the  
only unpolished one that I am sure existed.

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Of course as long as any fact in the bargaining  
remains unrevealed, and the President & his  
advisers dread & hope to avert its disclosure  
they will be under more or less bondage to  
those Democrats who can either protect or expose  
them as their interests may dictate;

— and of course all this time the Repu-  
party will be bound to a President owned by  
the Democrats — a fatal connection.

There are many Republicans who know all these  
facts — and I think should speak; but every



man must decide what is his own duty. The danger is that the party which might save itself by prompt action will delay until it is too late.

You are hopeful I see that all will come out well at last; — but how can it be until the democrats have carried the next presidential election; + if they do a reaction in the interest of republicanism, equality, human-rights will not triumph for many years. I must confess I am not very hopeful; I only wait, believing I have done my duty and grateful for at least your approval and friendship.

The N. Y. Herald published your letter in full — as also I hear the Boston Globe did — the Journal + Advertiser I assume did not.

I am now ~~printing~~ preparing an edition of it here. If you want any changes, typographical or otherwise from the Monitor edition please send me a copy marked, by return mail.

Very Truly Yours

W. E. Chandler

Mr. Garrison



